GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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PRICE OF UREA FERTILIZER
MAHBOOB ZAHEDI

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to increase the price of Urea every year by withdrawing control partly over it;

(b) whether the Government propose to lift full control on Urea and withdraw subsidy by 2004; and

(c) if so, the reason therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (c) : While the Government has not taken any decision regarding periodic hike in urea prices and decontrol of urea, the Government intends to move towards a deregulatory regime in fertilizer sector in a phased manner after taking into account its fiscal capacity on the one hand and making available fertilizers to the farmers at affordable prices on the other.